Item 4 Lead Scientist Report

Information Item

California Bay-Delta Authority

April 13, 2006

Recent Science Program Activities

- Lead Scientist recruitment update
 - Search unsuccessful and now closed
 - Will resume recruitment efforts once CALFED Program uncertainties resolved
 - Searching for interim Lead Scientist

Review and Technical Panels Update

- IEP's Pelagic Organisms Decline Investigations
 - Panel report released January 2006
 - IEP POD Workgroup to release response to Panel May 2006
- OCAP Biological Opinion
 - Panel report released January 2006
- CALSIM II San Joaquin River
 - Panel report released January 2006
- Delta Science Panel
 - Panel Report expected May 15, 2006

San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science Journal

- New issue now available
- Upcoming Focused Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and Fellows
 - New targeted process
 - Approximately \$6 million available for PSP and \$2 million for Science Fellows
 - Priority topics to go to Authority for approval in June 2006
 - Solicitations released July 2006